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AS HEAD OF CC CPSU PROPAGANDA DEPARTMENT

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1. SOVIET MEDIA HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT THE CC OF THE KOMSOMOL HELD A PLENARY SESSION MAY 27. TYAZHEL'NIKOV WAS FREED FROM HIS RESPONSIBILITIES AS KOMSOMOL FIRST SECRETARY IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ASSIGNMENT AS HEAD OF CC CPSU PROPAGANDA DEPARTMENT. HE WAS REPLCED BY BORIS NIKOLAYEVICH PASTUKHOV.

2. IT IS, OF COURSE, NORMAL THAT TYAZHEL'NIKOV SHOULD HAVE LOST HIS POSITION AS HEAD OF THE KOMSOMOL AFTER HAVING BEEN PROMOTED TO HEAD OF CPSU CC DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE CONSIDERED TYAZHEL'NIKOV TO BE A BFEZHNEV PROTEGE. WE NOTE THE SPEECH HE MADE AT THE 25TH PARTY CONGRESS WAS VERY WARM TOWARD BREZHNEV. AT THE MAY 1 CELEBRATIONS, HE WAS SEVERAL TIMES OBSERVED SPEAKING AT SOME LENGTH TO AN ANIMATED BREZHNEV DURING THE PARADE. HIS PROMOTION AT THIS TIME TO A KEY CC DEPARTMENT MAY WELL BE
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LINED TO THE LEADERSHIP CHANGES TAKEN AT THE PARTY PLENUM. WE ASSUME THAT WITH TYAZHEL'NIKOV'S DEPARTURE FROM THE KOMSOMOL, WE WILL HAVE TO PRESENT HIM A NEW INVITATION TO GO TO THE U.S. AS AN IV GRANTEE (REF B), IF WE WISH TO PURSUE THE INVITATION.

3. PASTUKHOV, A RUSSIAN, WAS BORN IN 1933. HE IS A

GRADUATE OF THE BAUMANN HIGHER TECHNICAL SCHOOL AND HAS
SENT ALL OF HIS CAREER AS A KOMSOMOL OFFICIAL. HE
SERVED SUCCESSIVELY AT THE BAUMANN RAYKOM OF THE KOMSOMOL,
THE MOSCOW GORKOM OF THE KOMSOMOL, AND, SINCE 1964, HAS
BEEN A SECRETARY OF THE ALL-UNION KOMSOMOL. HE IS A
DEPUTY OF THE SUPREME SOVIET AND CANDIDATE-MEMBER OF THE
CPSU CC. WE WILL TRY TO GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
ABOUT PASTUKHOV FROM OUR CONTACTS IN THE KOMSOMOL.
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